

wonderful power of God in building up this new place.

From here I turned towards Indiana, stopping off a night at Almena, the next night at the Bethel church, about seven miles from Dowagiac, but with no meeting at either place.

The Almena society as well as the church has not been in a very growing condition. The reason for this, they say, is because they haven't been able to secure the service of a minister who could live among them.

The Bethel society is small but they hold their regular meetings. The other church in the state is at New Troy, where I shall be just before Christmas, after which I can say more about Michigan. Among my letters at Freeport was one from a little girl in Indiana who lives quite a distance from the Brethren Sunday-school, asking for a brick-card to fill out with the five dollars. Another contained a quilt block with two dollars, that belongs to the theological fund.

If there are more of these letters, or others to be sent me the postoffice at Nappanee, Indiana, will take care of them until December 9th.

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## Our Young People

### Tiny Tokens

The memory of a kindly word  
For long gone-by,  
The fragrance of a fading flower  
Sent lovingly,  
The gleaming of a sudden smile  
Or sudden tear,  
The warmer pressure of the hand,  
The word of cheer,  
The hush that means "I cannot speak,  
But I have heard!"  
The note that only bears a verse  
From God's own word:  
Such tiny things we hardly count  
As ministry.  
The givers deeming they have shown  
Scant sympathy;  
But when the heart is overwrought,  
Oh, who can tell  
The power of such tiny things  
To make it well!

—Christian Work.

### THE INDWELLING PRESENCE

Col. 1:21-29; Gal. 2:20

Topic Dec. 10

#### DAILY HOME READINGS

Mon.—Ezek. 36:25-31, My Spirit within you.  
Tues.—II Cor. 6:14-18, I will dwell in them.  
Wed.—John 14:15-17, Shall be in you.  
Thurs.—John 15:1-5, And I in you.  
Fri.—John 17:20-26, I in them, thou in me.  
Sat.—Rom. 8:1-11, If Christ be in you.  
Sun.—Col. 1:21-29, the Holy Spirit.

This is the age of the Spirit. The law and the prophets had their day. Jesus walked and taught among men and departed with the promise to send the Spirit who should abide for ever. On Pentecost he came and we enjoy the "better things" of the new covenant under which the law is not written on tables of stone but on fleshy tables of the heart. The local, temporal Christ has given place to the universal and eternal Christ in Spirit. This is expedient for us yet many live as if it were not so. They read the passages promising the indwelling presence and consequent power but pass them by as figurative.

But they are literal and many can bear witness to their truthfulness.

As we received Christ by faith and (John 5:16) were baptized into his body, (I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 1:22, 23; Gal. 3:27) once for all, (Eph. 4:5) yet need repeated cleansing (I John 1:9) while our standing is maintained by faith (II Cor. 1:24) so we receive the Spirit by faith, (Gal. 3:2, 14) in the form of baptism (Matt. 3:11; Acts 1:5 and 2:39) with repeated infillings (see Peter, Acts 2:14; 4:8, 31,) while he is kept by faith, (Eph. 3:17.)

If we could all realize this and live up to our privileges what a wonderful bound the church would take.

The subject is large and more references are given than can well be used in a public meeting, but they will do for private study.

There should be a most earnest seeking for light as to our privileges in the Spirit and a time of silent prayer for surrender to Christ that he may fulfill his promise in all.

#### SCRIPTURE HELP

Some capable person ought to be prepared to explain the references in connection with each of the headings.

1. The Comforter (Greek, stand by) promised John 14:26; Luke 24:49-53; Matt. 28:19, 20.

Question. Why was it "expedient" for Christ to go and send the Comforter? John 16:7.

#### Conditions of receiving him.

2. Hungering and thirsting soul, Luke 11:13.

3. Obedience, Acts 5:33.

4. Faith, Gal. 3:2 and 14.

Question. Are there any who can not fulfill these condition?

#### Results of the indwelling presence.

5. Fruit, Gal. 5:22.

Question. If the fruit of the Spirit is lacking what must we conclude? Rom. 8:9.

6. Fellowship, Acts 9:31; 5:32; I John 1:3.

Question. What do we mean by "fellowship of the Spirit?"

7. Guidance, John 16:13.

Question. How does the Spirit guide us? Give examples of guidance. (Acts 8:29; 16:6; 13:2.)

8. Christ revealed and made real, John 16:14; John 15:26, 27.

The Spirit's presence is not manifested by physical sensation but by an increasing love for Christ and joy in his presence.

9. Because of the indwelling Christ the battle with temptation is not ours to fight but his. Therefore calmly receive the victory, Gal. 5:16, 17. The Spirit lusteth against the flesh and is the most mighty.

10. Because of the indwelling Presence we can do "whatever he would like to have us do." Phil. 4:13.

Question. Just what does Phil. 4:13 mean?

11. Because of the indwelling presence our bodies are temples of the living God. I Cor. 3:16, 17; 6:19; II Cor. 6:16.

Question. "What manner of person," (II Pet. 3:11) ought we to be in view of Christ's indwelling?

12. Because of the indwelling presence all the virtues and works of the Christian life come naturally as the good fruit on the good tree. Gal. 5:22; Acts 4:20.

For open meeting. What can you say from your own experience of the indwelling Christ?

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#### Self-Culture Not Enough

Let us have all the self-culture we can get, but let it not be without the law of service. There is no form of selfishness so repulsive, so hard, so cold and desperate, as that found along with self-culture when it does not open into and become one with benevolence. Better ignorance, better untaught instinct, then self-culture, when it ends with self.—T. T. Munger.

The tree that bears the choicest fruit stands continually in the sunshine, without which the fruit can never evenly ripen and mature. So he who bears heavenly fruit must continually live in the light of the "Sun of righteousness."—Rev. C. W. Bibb

## The Christian Life

### Why?

Why is it, Lord, that we should stay,  
And work the long, long, weary day,  
While those we love so tenderly,  
Are called above to dwell with Thee?

Why those whose work seems but begun,  
Are called away as tho' 'twere done,  
While others, inefficient, stay,  
'Tho' longing to be called away.

Thou knowest all, and Thou, alone  
Can'st tell why these strange things are done,  
Thou rulest, and with boundless love  
Dost guide us all from heaven above.

We know Thou doest what is best,  
And when we too will be at rest,  
We then will know, and not till then,  
Why all our plans could not have been.

When in that realm of heav'nly light,  
We there shall see that all was right,  
And wonder why we questioned so,  
At what seemed strange to us below.

—John Sterling, in New York Observer.

### PRAYER MEETING TOPIC

#### "EVIL SPEAKING"

Lesson: Eph. 4:25-31 and Jas. 5:1-13

#### I What It Is.

1. Idle words, Matt. 12:36, 37.
2. Filthy talk, Eph. 5:4.
3. Foolish talk, Eph. 5:4.
4. Jestings talk, Eph. 5:4.
5. Calling certain names, Matt. 5:22.
6. Talking about people behind their backs, Jas. 4:11.
7. Railing at, or talking evil of another to his face in the spirit of anger, I Peter 3:9, 10.
8. Talebearing, Prov. 18:8.

#### II Our Duty.

1. Speak evil of no man, Titus 3:2; Ps. 34:13.
2. Bridle the tongue, Jas. 1:26; Prov. 4:24.
3. Lay aside evil speaking, I Peter 2:1.

#### III Results of Evil Speaking.

1. Shuts out from God's kingdom, I Cor. 6:10.
2. Sows strife, Prov. 16:27, 28; 15:1.
3. The Lord shall cut them off who use it, Ps. 12:3.
4. Wounds are made which time can never heal.
5. Let us be careful with our tongues! I Peter 3:10-12.

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### A Ministry Without Words

If Christian service were all talking and praying in meetings and visiting the sick, it would be discouraging to some talentless people. But are our tongues the only faculties we can use for Christ? There are ways in which even silent people can do service for God and be a blessing in the world. A star does not talk, but its calm, steady beam shines down continually out of the sky, and is a benediction to many. A flower cannot sing bird songs, but its sweet beauty and gentle fragrance make a blessing wherever it is seen. Be like a star in your peaceful shining, and many will thank God for your life. Be like a flower in your pure beauty and in the influence of your unselfish spirit, and you may do more to bless the world than many who talk incessantly. The living sacrifice does not always mean active work. It may mean the patient endurance of a wrong, the quiet bearing of a pain, cheerful acquiescence in a disappointment.